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In re Application of: Mauro

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METHOD, AND INTERFACE

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In the Office Action of August 1, 2000, it is noted that two claims as filed were numbered 24 and two claims as filed were numbered 63. Accordingly, the claims were consecutively renumbered 1-70 as per 37 CFR 1.126.

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As a result of this renumbering, the dependency of the claims has also changed. The purpose of this amendment is to revise these dependencies. No new matter have been added by this amendment. Please amend this application so that the claims read as follows:

In the Claims:

1. A method of trading securities on a user-to-user trading system comprising:
 - (a) electrically receiving over a network a request from a first user to view offers to purchase and offers to sell a first security;
 - (b) electronically transmitting over the network to the first user data representing the offers to purchase and the offers to sell the first securities made by some of the users of the system;
 - (c) electronically updating the data representing the offers to purchase and the offers to sell the first security in response to a new offer to purchase or a new offer to sell the first